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[HOUSE FILE No. 84.—PRIVATE CORPORATIONS.

## A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO REGULATE THE CHARGES OF THE OWNERS OF TELEPHONES  
AND TELEPHONE LINES, FOR THE USE OF SUCH INSTRUMENTS AND LINES.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

SECTION 1. That no individual, company or corporation, now or hereafter, owning, controlling or operating any telephone line in this State, shall be allowed to charge, collect, or receive as rental for the use of such telephone a sum exceeding three dollars per month when one telephone only is rented by one individual, company or corporation; when two or more telephones are rented by the same individual, company or corporation, the rental shall not exceed two dollars and fifty cents per month for each instrument so rented.

SEC. 2. When any two cities, incorporated towns or villages are connected by wire owned or operated by any individual, company or corporation, the price for the use of any telephone for the purpose of connection between such cities, incorporated towns or villages shall not exceed 15 cents for the first five minutes, and for each additional five minutes no sum exceeding five cents shall be charged, collected or received.

SEC. 3. Any owner, operator, agent or other person who shall charge, collect or receive for the use of any telephone any sum in excess of the rates fixed by this act shall be fined in a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, or imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding thirty days.